

<div>NWS FORM E-5 (11-88) (PRES. by NWS Instruction 10-924)</div> <div>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE</div>	<div>HYDROLOGIC SERVICE AREA (HSA) WFO Jackson, Mississippi</div> <div>REPORT FOR: MONTH YEAR April 2012</div> <div>SIGNATURE Alan E. Gerard, Meteorologist In-Charge</div> <div>DATE 05/15/2012</div>
<div>MONTHLY REPORT OF HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS</div> <div>TO: Hydrometeorological Information Center, W/OH2 NOAA / National Weather Service 1325 East West Highway, Room 7230 Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283</div>	

When no flooding occurs, include miscellaneous river conditions, such as significant rises, record low stages, ice conditions, snow cover, droughts, and hydrologic products issued (NWS Instruction 10-924)

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An X inside this box indicates that no river flooding occurred within this hydrologic service area.

Synopsis...

The month of April was rather pleasant with temperatures ranging from 1.5 to 3 degrees above normal. These averages were closer to normal than March. The first week and the last week of the month had above normal temperatures while the middle two weeks had at or just below normal temperatures. Rainfall was below normal with the exception of scattered locations in Southeast Arkansas, Lower Yazoo Delta in Mississippi, and South Mississippi where rainfall was above normal.

The month opened with the Hydrologic Service Area (HSA) under high pressure. By the 2nd, warm and humid conditions returned with a southerly flow. An upper level disturbance, well out ahead of an upper level low pressure centered over the Four Corners Region of the Southwest U.S., produced heavy rainfall, high winds, and hail as it moved across the HSA on the 2nd and 3rd. By the morning of the 4th, the upper level low pressure center had moved to the North Texas Panhandle. This produced heavy rainfall, high winds, and large hail across northern portions of Northeast Louisiana and Southeast Arkansas. A cold front finally moved across the HSA on the 5th. Rainfall storm totals across Southeast Arkansas and the Yazoo Delta Region ranged from 1.00 to 5.00 inches. Rainfall across Northeast Louisiana and Northeast Mississippi ranged from less than an inch to 3.00 inches while rainfall across South Mississippi ranged from 1.00 to 6.00 inches.

High pressure pushed into the region on the 6th and 7th. A weak, dry cold front pushed across the area on the 8th. High pressure moved in to the region for the 9th and 10th with fair weather. By late on the 10th, another cold front began pushing into the area. Some hail was reported with some of the thunderstorms in northern portions of Northeast Louisiana. The cold front moved across the HSA by the morning of the 11th. Rainfall amounts of less than an inch were scattered across Northeast Louisiana and Southeast Arkansas and areas north of I-20 in Mississippi.

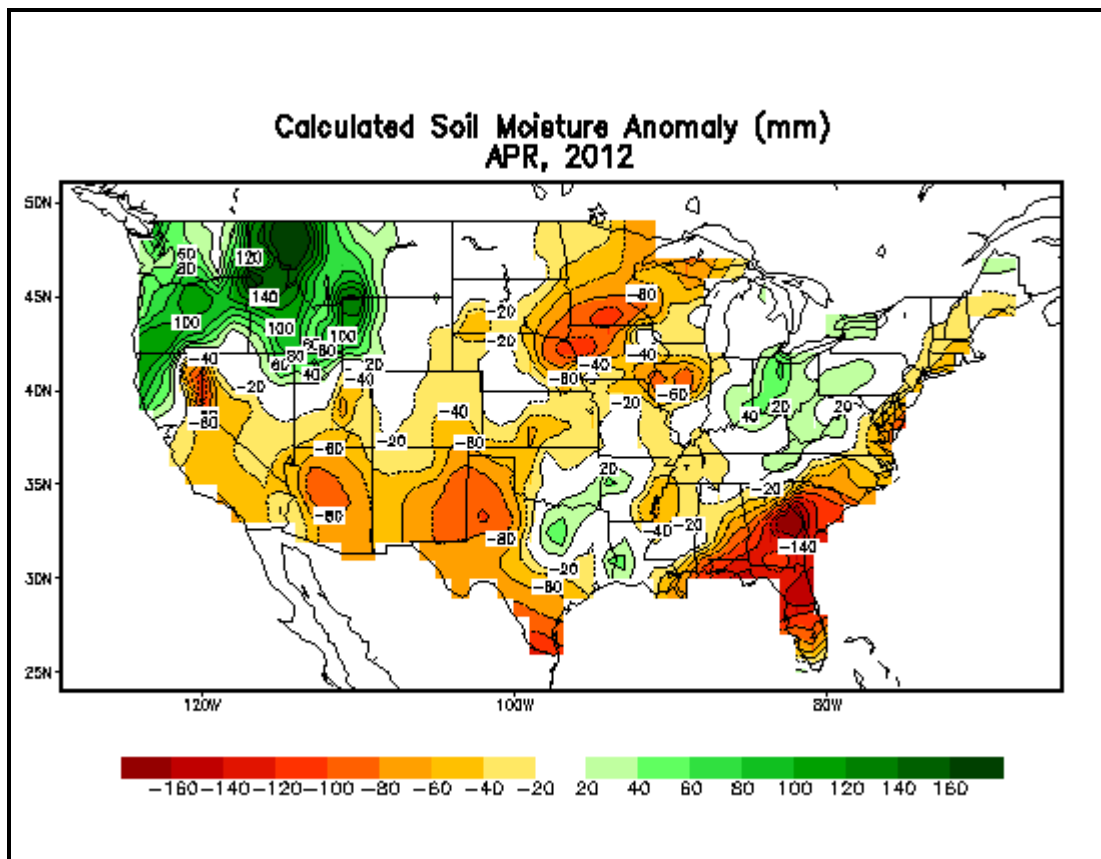
High pressure built into the area on the 11th through the 13th. From the 14th to the 15th, a strong southerly flow developed as high pressure shifted east

and another upper level low pressure centered across the Southwest U.S. began moving northeastward. An associated surface cold front pushed across the HSA from the 16th into the morning of the 17th. Heavy rainfall occurred behind the front as an upper level disturbance moved across the area during the day. Rainfall storm totals across Southeast Arkansas ranged from 1.00 to 2.00 inches while totals across Northeast Louisiana and Mississippi south of I-20 ranged from 0.50 to 3.50 inches. The heaviest rainfall occurred north of I-20 in Mississippi where rainfall ranged from 0.50 to 5.50 inches. High pressure built into the area from the 18th until 20th.

Yet, another cold front pushed across the region from late on the 20th into the 21st. Rainfall was scattered west of Interstate 55 while no rainfall occurred to the east of the interstate. Where rainfall fell, amounts were less than an inch. An additional fast moving dry cold front pushed through the HSA on the 22nd bringing high pressure and cooler temperatures. High pressure remained in place through the 25th. As high pressure pulled east on the 26th, a warm and humid southerly flow developed and remained through the end of the month. Only a few isolated showers were noted across Central and East Mississippi on the 26th.

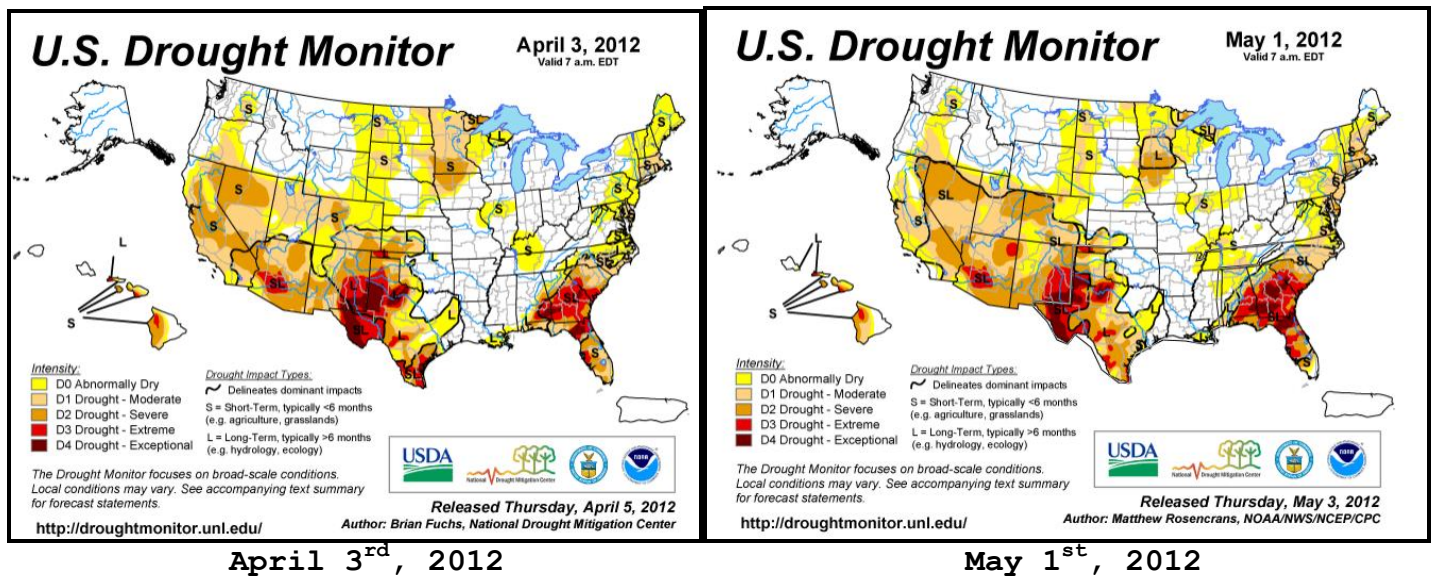
River and Soil Conditions...

Soil Moisture:



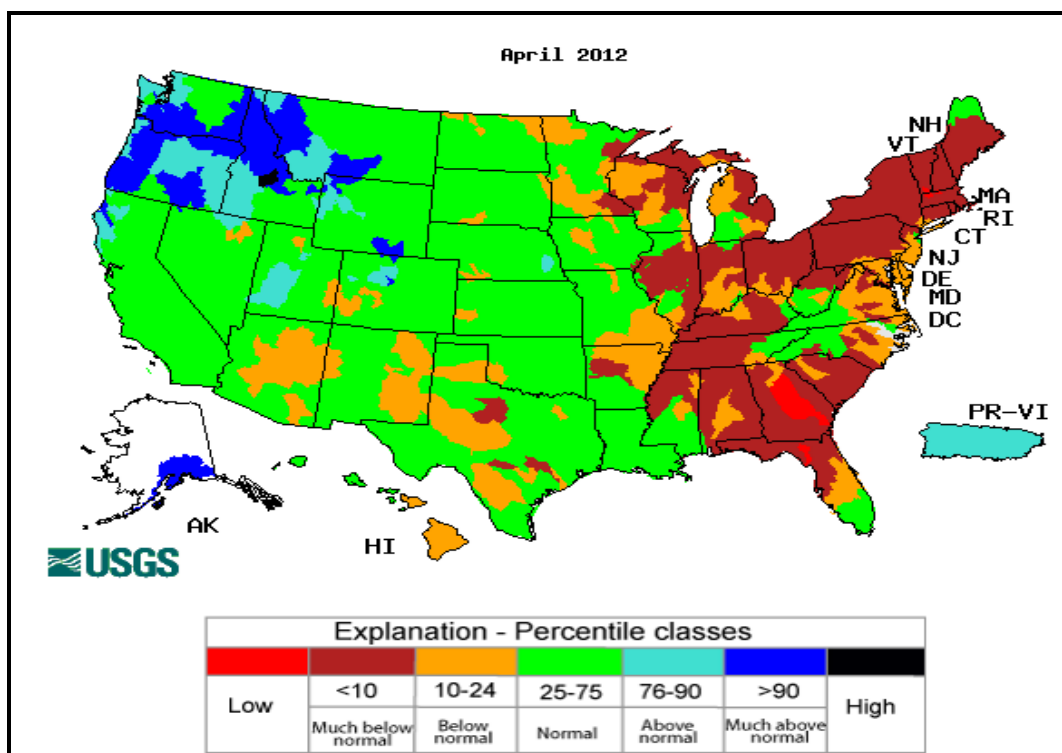
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Drought Comparison to prior month:



Streamflow:

The United States Geological Survey's (USGS) April 2012 river streamflow records were compared with all historical April streamflow records. River streamflow ranged from below normal to much below normal across the Yazoo River Basin, Tombigbee Basin and Upper Pearl Basin. River streamflow was near normal across the remaining river basins in Mississippi, Southeast Arkansas, and Northeast Louisiana.



Minor flooding occurred along the Upper and Middle Big Black River. Elsewhere, minor to moderate river rises occurred during the first week of the month and between the 16th and 20th of the month.

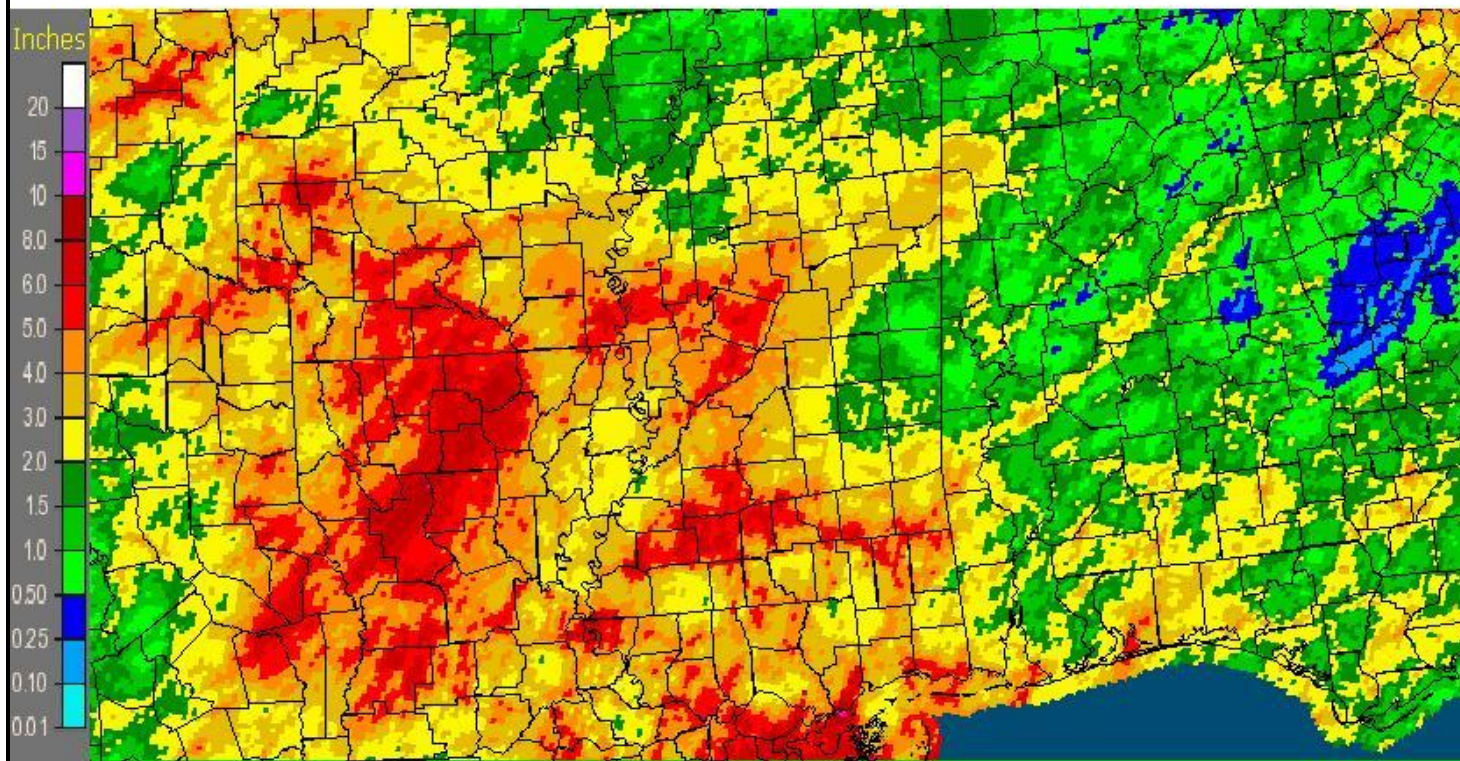
Temperatures are expected to remain above normal while chances are even for above normal, below normal or normal rainfall in the 1 to 3 month time period. Based on current soil moisture, streamflow, and 1 to 3 month weather outlooks, flood potentials are as follows:

<i>Pearl River System:</i>	Average.
<i>Yazoo River System:</i>	Below average.
<i>Big Black River System:</i>	Average.
<i>Homochitto River System:</i>	Average.
<i>Pascagoula River System:</i>	Average.
<i>Northeast LA and Southeast AR:</i>	Average.
<i>Tombigbee River System:</i>	Below average.
<i>Mississippi River:</i>	Average.

Rainfall for the month of April

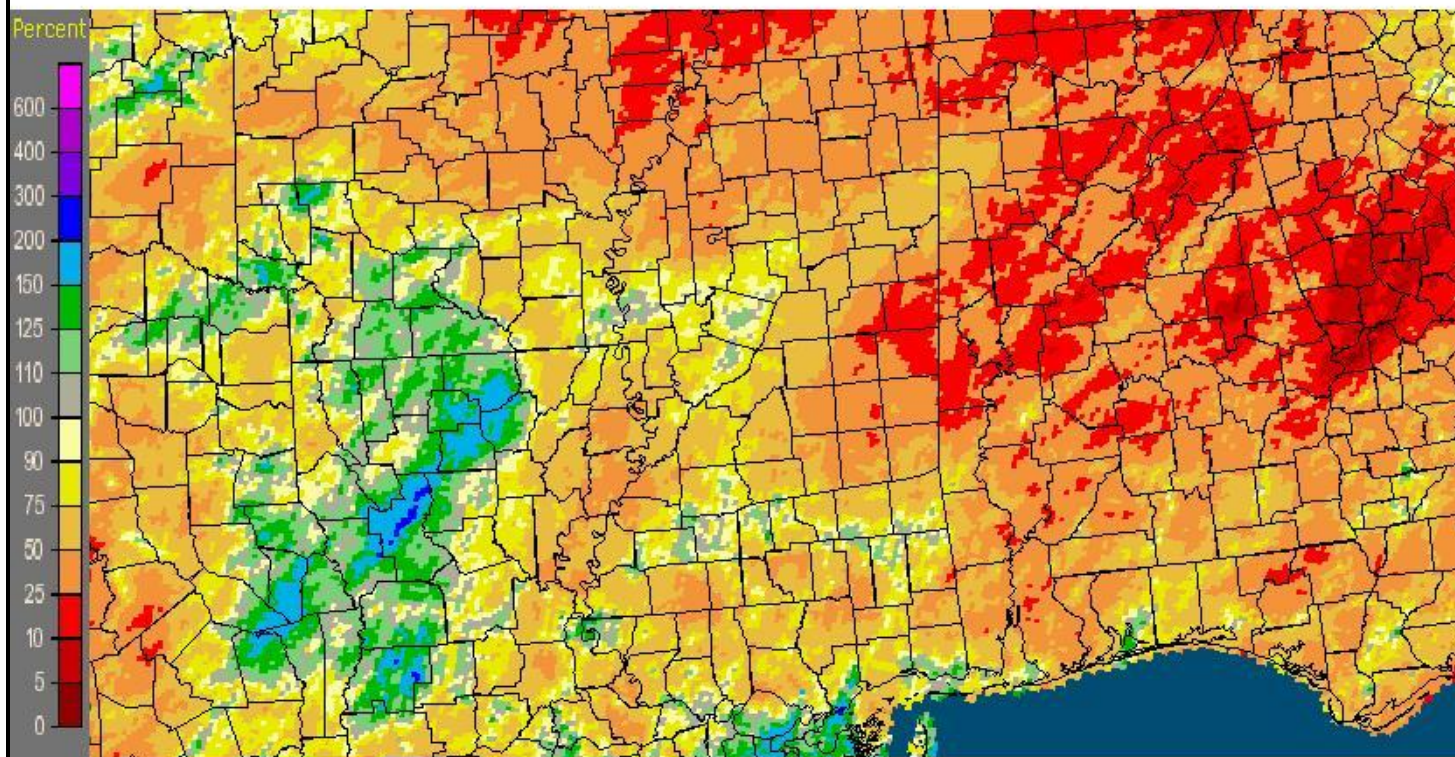
The largest rainfall amounts in the HSA from NWS Cooperative Observer reports during the period from 7 am on March 31st until 7 am on April 30th were: 7.35 inches at Union Church, MS; 6.17 inches at Prentiss, MS; 5.89 inches at Mize, MS; 5.81 inches at Crystal Springs, MS; 5.55 inches at Canton, MS; 5.42 inches at Vicksburg, MS; 5.38 inches at Eudora, AR; 5.25 inches at Vaiden, MS; 5.14 inches at Rayville, LA; 5.08 inches at Oak Ridge, LA; and 5.01 inches at Yazoo City, MS.

Mississippi: April, 2012 Monthly Observed Precipitation
Valid at 5/1/2012 1200 UTC- Created 5/3/12 17:37 UTC



April 2012 Rainfall Estimates

Mississippi: April, 2012 Monthly Percent of Normal Precipitation
Valid at 5/1/2012 1200 UTC- Created 5/3/12 17:41 UTC



April 2012 Percent of Normal Rainfall Estimates

Note: Observer rainfall and MPE may differ due to time differences.

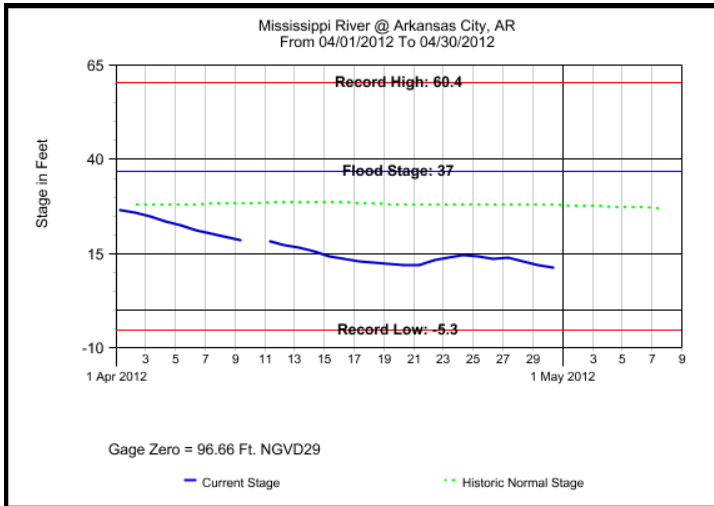
April rainfall for Selected Cities...

City (Airport)	March Rainfall	Departure from normal	2012 Rainfall	2012 Departure from Normal
Jackson, MS	4.57	-0.39	23.93	+4.20
Meridian, MS	1.39	-3.39	22.70	+1.77
Greenwood, MS	4.22	-0.91	14.72	-3.66
Greenville, MS	3.20	-1.61	12.75	-6.60
Hattiesburg, MS	3.20	-1.73	25.37	+3.81
Vicksburg, MS	4.06	-0.91	20.48	+0.14

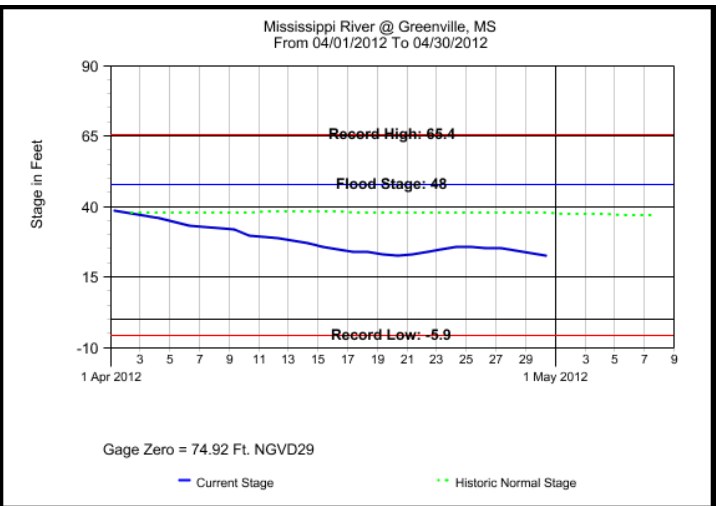
Mississippi River...

Mississippi River Plots for April, 2012

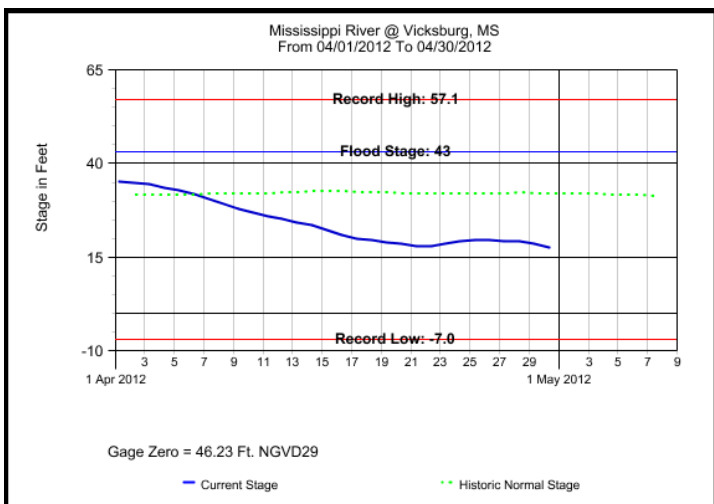
Plots Courtesy of the United States Army Corps of Engineers



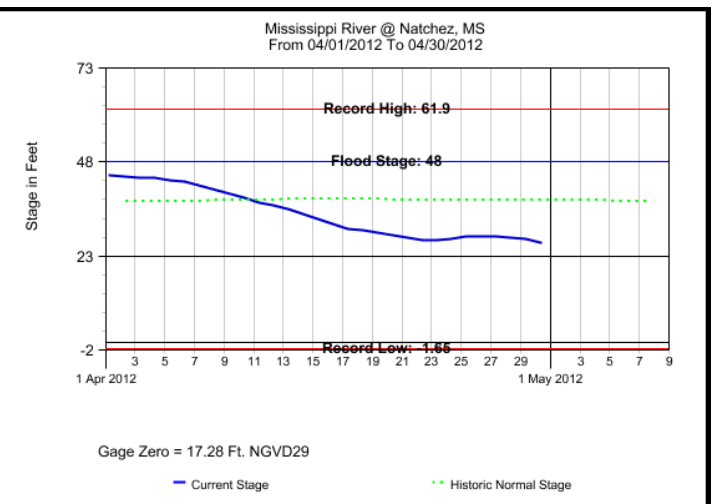
ARKANSAS CITY, MS



GREENVILLE, MS



VICKSBURG, MS



NATCHEZ, MS

Preliminary high and low stages for the month:

Location	FS	High Stage(ft)	Date	Low Stage(ft)	Date
Arkansas City, AR	37	26.83	04/01/12	10.53	04/30/12
Greenville, MS	48	38.51	04/01/12	21.82	04/30/12
Vicksburg, MS	43	35.36	04/01/12	17.14	04/30/12
Natchez, MS	48	44.38	04/01/12	26.04	04/30/12

Total Flood Warning products issued: 3
Total Flood Statement products issued: 12
Total Flood Advisories MS River : 00
Daily Climate and Ag WX Products (AGO'S) issued: 30
Daily CoCoRaHS Rainfall Products (LCO'S) issued: 30
Daily River and Lake Summary Products (RVD'S) issued: 30

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Note: Provisional stage and precipitation data were furnished with the cooperation of the Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Programs, United States Geological Survey (USGS), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD), Pat Harrison Waterway District, Pearl River Basin Development District, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

cc: USGS Little Rock District
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USACE Mobile District
USACE Vicksburg District
USACE Mississippi Valley Division
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